

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

December 28, 2023

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Chairman Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman John Bertram, Commissioner David White, County Counselor Chay Howard and County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

The consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 12/18/23.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, Bert Lowery opened the meeting at 9:00 John moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chay Howard presented the land lease contract for tower lease with David and Kathy White. He requests if they would like to discuss the lease they go into executive session. John moved that we recess to executive session for 10 minutes at 9:01 for the purpose of legal advice regarding the contract for the tower lease pursuant to the exception for consultation with our attorney under the attorney client privilege exemption with Chay Howard and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. David White left the room. Regular session began at 9:11 with no action taken. John moved to approve the tower contract as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Chay will send the contract to their attorney for review.

Eric Buck came to request a year end transfer for the Ambulance and to be transferred into the Ambulance Special Equipment Fund in the amount of \$20,881.47. John moved to approve the transfer and Bert seconded the motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Cooper presented a year end transfer in the amount of \$10,000 for Appraisers to be transferred into the Special Equipment fund for Appraisers. Bert moved to approve the transfer and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, she informed them of an increase to our property, liability and vehicle schedules with KCAMP for 2024 in the amount of \$47,312 and explained the increase. Last she presented payroll reports, accounts payable reports and minutes December 18<sup>th</sup> for signatures.

Matt Christenson came with Kendal Lothman came to present radio quotes for the Local Safety and Security Equipment (LSSE) grant for 7 handheld radios and 17 mobile radios and requested they approve the quote from KA-COMM in the amount of \$99,394.38 and that the grant would provide \$76,400 leaving the total balance due of \$22,994.28. They request to take the \$22,994.28 out of the Sheriff Special Equipment Reserve fund. Bert moved to approve the quote from KA-COMM and to take the funds out of the Equipment Reserve fund for the Sheriff office and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Alan Hadley presented a new hire payroll change for R Lothman for approval. John moved to approve the payroll change presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he presented quotes to purchase 100 grader blades from Foley for \$16,683 and Darco for \$12,000. After reviewing the quotes Bert moved to approve the quote from Darco and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

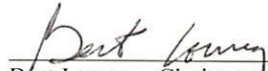
Theron McKinney came to discuss unused fire equipment and would like to sell the 1986 chevy truck of out Mullinville fire station and requests to sell it at Big Iron and the proceeds would be used to go towards the purchase of a tanker truck for Haviland in the future.

Kristi Cooper presented COLA payroll changes for all county employees and merit payroll changes for all supervisors for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

David White wanted to ask if they were going to renew the tower lease contract and Bert informed them that they approved it earlier and that it would be sent to his attorney for review. Next, he expressed concerns on the December lease payment was not processed on this last Accounts Payable and discussed who makes the voucher.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05

Kiowa County Commission:

  
Bert Lowery, Chairman

  
John Bertram, Commissioner

  
David White, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kristi Cooper, County Clerk